



## Konkle named Assistant State Veterinarian

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MADISON –Dr. Darlene Konkle has been named as Wisconsin’s Assistant State Veterinarian and bureau director of animal disease control for the Division of Animal Health in the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

"In her current role, Dr. Konkle has forged strong relationships with industry leaders, stakeholders and partners that will serve the agency well," said Wisconsin State Veterinarian Dr. Paul McGraw in making the announcement today. "Couple that with her broad knowledge of all division programs and private practice experience and we have a strong team making sure we are prepared to deal with any possible animal health issue,"

Konkle has overseen the division’s veterinary emergency management program since 2007, where she monitors foreign animal diseases and helps the state prepare for potential disease outbreak responses. Prior to joining the department in 2005 as part of the agency’s Johne’s (pronounced yo-knees) disease program, she was in private practice and academia for 12 years in Wisconsin, Montana, Kentucky and Saskatchewan, Canada.

"I’m enthusiastic about working with Dr. McGraw and division staff to continue strengthening our programs and relationships that will protect Wisconsin’s animal and public health," Konkle said.

A native of Freedom, a small town between Appleton and Green Bay, Konkle received her bachelor's degree in meat and animal science as well as her DVM from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also completed a residency in large animal internal medicine and a master's degree in respiratory physiology at UW-Madison.

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